

Young Fabian executive committee minutes

Date: 15 January 2019

Apologies: Deeba Syed, Ava Etemadzadeh, Luisa Attfield, Abdi Duale, Stella Tsantekidou, Kyalo Burt-Fulcher (partial), Miriam Mirwitch (sent apologies, but dialled in later).

Absent: none.

Additional attendees: Carolina Saludes, Leon Alleyne-McLaughlin, John Morris, Marian Craig

1. Minutes

- Andrew Harrop, general secretary of the Fabian Society, was introduced as attending. Everyone present introduced themselves.
- CN asked for any matters arising from the previous minutes. **The December minutes were adopted unanimously.**

2. Chair report

- CN read extracts of the Chair report. Written report submitted as per papers.
- AA asked about dates and organisation of network AGMs. JP as VC to also attend/ chair select meetings.
- Networks that have not yet responded to call for dates – health, law, international and comms.
- CN to set dates for AGMs for networks that have not themselves decided by 1st week of February.
- CN informed that both new network execs have access to the shared calendar. CN noted that, post AGM, an email with a mailing list subscription (as last year) would be issued.
- JP asked for the deadline to be made clear to the networks.

- CN asked for formal, minuted approval for the chair project. **Approved unanimously.**
- CN asked for all members of the exec and network officers to sign data protection forms.

3. Special measures

- Andy Harrop noted his role was to observe and provide any advice required. All information was provided in the letter.

4. Secretary report

- Secretary report was submitted in writing by KS. KS noted his participation in the YES Summer Camp working group.
- JP & CN discussed the success of the Christmas social under this point. AA said that it was the best attended YF Christmas social in his memory, while EB noted the large donations to the foodbank and to Mind.

JP informed the ease of donations.

KS informed the exec that YF members had been messaged by those at the event to attend.

5. Treasury Report:

- In LA absence, CN discussed the accounts handover, which had still not taken place. The problem with the Nationbuilder payment, now overdue, was discussed.

CN suggested that she or a constit officer might pay, though noted January might be difficult for many. KBF contributed on the phone to say that constit officers (or treasurers) had paid before.

6. Anticipations report

- EB and CN discussed issues with the blog before the meeting in a second handover session. The problems (to do with Nationbuilder permissions) were now resolved. KS noted Nathaneal Amos-Sansam had chased a blog.
- EB to check next Antics deadline and invited people to provide ideas. Avoiding Brexit would, EB said, be difficult.

- AA suggested a call for pitches to networks, perhaps for DLG or BAME advocacy group?
- CN noted she cycled around networks. AA said it might be an opportunity for the new networks. John Morris responded that each network should be able to contribute.
- CN explained last year's contributing writers scheme, which provided a bank of active contributors and was very helpful at the start.
- EB noted the importance of representation.
- KS stated for the minutes that BAME was not formally a network (in reference to AA comment above). CN explained that a network couldn't constitutionally caucus, which the BAME advocacy group wanted to.
- John Morris noted that many colleagues had asked him to stay away from Brexit in events. JP said perhaps for the international network?

KS said they had done borders recently.

(KBF said on the phone he needed to leave, making the meeting inquorate as MM had also dropped off. Two points that required quorum were therefore to be taken now).

7. YF Open Day

- CN asked for objections to moving the Open Day to the 3rd of February. None were raised. **Moved unanimously.**
- CN suggested Open Day topic could be decided by Doodle poll.

(KBF said he had to leave now. Second point that required quorum was the election of deputy regional coordinator and was set to be postponed. However, MM rejoined on the phone and there was once again quorum for the meeting after a very short hiatus).

8. Deputy regional coordinator appointment

- Marian Craig asked if person 2 could be contacted (all 4 applications were provided blind).
- CN stated she planned to remain in contact with all 4 entrants to establish a network of potential regional contacts.

- **Votes were taken. 5 votes were cast for person 4, 1 vote for person 3. Person 4 was therefore elected.**
- CN revealed person 4 to be **Eluned Anderson**.

9. Fabian Society conference

- CN noted the Young Fabian fringe would be competing with Tom Watson. Andy Harrop said he would informally advise after the meeting.

10. Member project – East Midlands

- Marian Craig presented the proposal as per papers. AA expressed approval. CN suggested getting in touch with **Dan (?)**. **Approved unanimously.**

11. Arts & Culture Network projects

- Carolina Saludes presented projects from the new Arts & Culture network, including inaugural event with Grason Perry and Tom Watson. Will ask senior section to send out comms.
- Carolina also noted plans for a spoken word poet to perform. Various initiatives, including photographers, recording equipment, Eventbrite invitations and collaboration with Waltham Forest Council were discussed. AA suggested getting in touch with Claire Coghill. EB expressed approval.
- Carolina discussed proposals for a Summer Festival, coordinated by Anisa Qureshi. KS noted she had raised this previously and expressed approval.
- Various ideas, including a YF Open Mic Night, political comedy night and podcasts were discussed. Carolina noted she had spoken to Helen Lewis and would look to have a bi-weekly podcast.

CN noted Hunter C Christopher had equipment, but that he was based in Austria nowadays. Marian Craig suggested contacting Jonn Elledge as well.

- Following suggestions that the New Statesman be approached for technical help with podcast, Andy Harrop suggested that New Statesman would be more likely to respond to an approach from YF than FS.

12. Exec member updates

- JP stated his membership consultation would probably be postponed. CN concurred.
- AA submitted a written report on the projects. He noted new and longstanding partners – LGA, MS Society, possibly West Ham United for London Moving East.

Given the large potential partnership base, AA asked for YF to develop a structure for partnerships to survive after execs.

13. Network updates

- John Morris noted DLG plans to interview Matthew Taylor as well as Neil Coyle MP, the latter on the housing crisis.
- Marian Craig noted issues with booking rooms in Parliament, with the parliamentary contact unresponsive on the day. CN suggested a broader network of parliamentary contacts, not just the parliamentary officer on the exec, should be developed.

AA suggested Lucy Edmunds as an additional contact. JP suggested using UCL, TU buildings etc and would endeavour to find out which TUs would be willing alongside CN and others.

- Marian stated their AGM would be on the 11th of Feb.
- CN noted the launch of 2 new networks. Will be developing a Minimum Network Output Guideline over the course of the year, in collaboration with networks, to make sure networks are active.
- Leon Alleyne-Mclaughlin presented the initial actions of the BAME Advocacy Group. Informal meeting 16th of Jan, AGM 23rd. Collaborations with the networks were discussed. Leon acknowledged the need to avoid becoming insular.

JP suggested that BAME AG have a joint commission with Anticipations to promote inclusion.

14. A. O. B.

- AA asked if AE's email would be discussed. CN stated she wanted AE more involved and the email should be discussed at another time.
- JP asked for it to be minuted that the donations to Mind from the YF Social were in memory of Annie Cooke.